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SUBJECT: AFL-CIO DECLINES TUCSA INVITATION: LATER VISIT
STILL POSSIBLE

1. AFL-CIO HAS INFORMED ARTHUR GROBBELAAR, GEN SEC OF
TRADE UNION COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA (TUCSA) THAT IN VIEW
OF PRESENT DISTURBANCES IN SOUTH AFRICA, AFL-CIO HAS
DECIDED NOT RPT NOT TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO SEND DELEGA-
TION TO UPCOMING TUCSA CONGRESS.

2. POSSIBILITY, THOUGH APPARENTLY DIMINISHING, STILL
EXISTS THAT BI-RACIAL FACT-FINDING MISSION COMPOSED OF
THREE AFL-CIO VICE PRESIDENTS AND DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION
AND CIVIL RIGHTS WILL VISIT SOUTH AFRICA LATTER PART OF
NOVEMBER. SINCE ONE OF PURPOSES OF VISIT WOULD BE TO
OBSERVE EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING FACILITIES IN OPERATION

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PRESENT SCHOOL SITUATION IS HAVING NEGATIVE EFFECT UPON

AFL-CIO WILLINGNESS TO UNDERTAKE TRIP. INVITATIONS FROM
JOHANNESBURG-BASED LABOR/MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE, CILLIER'S
INSTITUTE FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, REGISTERED AND
UNREGISTERED TRADE UNIONS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES
BEING ACKNOWLEDGED WITH STATEMENT THAT DECISION NOT YET
TAKEN. POSSIBLE VISIT BY AALC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PAT O'FARRELL STILL UNDECIDED. KISSINGER

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